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1. WHILE I AM WILLING MAKE APPROACH REQUESTED IN REF A PROMPTLY IF DEPT AND USUN FEEL IT IMPERATIVE TO DO SO IMMEDIATELY, I BELIEVE THAT, FROM POST'S PERSPECTIVE, DECISION WHETHER IT APPROPRIATE OR USEFUL TO MAKE APPROACH WOULD BEST AWAIT AMBASSADOR'S RETURN FROM WASHINGTON CONSULTATIONS WHICH I ANTICIPATE WILL BE EARLY NEXT WEEK. APPROPRIATE CHANNEL FOR APPROACH, IF IT TO BE MADE, WOULD APPEAR TO BE FROM AMBASSADOR TO FONMIN LUKE WHO EXPECTS LEAD SL UNGA DELEGATION.

HIGHLY PERSONALISTIC NATURE OF RELATIONSHIPS IN FREETOWN STRONGLY SUGGESTS AMBASSADOR'S ENTREE WITH FONMIN IS BEST CARD IN OUR HAND IF WE HOPE AFFECT GOSL DECISION, AND AS QTE BRAND NEW BOY IN TOWN UNQTE APPROACH MADE BY ME WOULD NOT CARRY SAME WEIGHT IN PERSONAL TERMS. DEPARTMENT (IO) MAY WISH CONSULT AMBASSADOR FOR HIS VIEWS, AND I OF COURSE STAND READY FOLLOW UP IF AMBASSADOR AGREES I SHOULD
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SEE FONMIN ON THIS ISSUE IN HIS ABSENCE.

2. ABOVE NOTWITHSTANDING, THERE APPEAR SEVERAL FACTORS WHICH SUGGEST APPROACH HIGHLY UNLIKELY BE EFFECTIVE. NORTH KOREANS HAVE JUST IN PAST TWO WEEKS ARRIVED TO ESTABLISH THEIR FIRST RESIDENT DIPLOMATIC MISSION IN FREETOWN, WITH NEW CHARGE PRESENTING QTE LETTER OF INTRODUCTION UNQTE ON AUGUST 15 (REF B). GOSL SEEMS HAVE BROKEN ALL SPEED RECORDS IN ISSUING NEW DIPLOMATIC AUTOMOBILE PLATES FOR NK EMB VEHICLES. IN ADDITION PRESIDENT STEVENS APPEARS AT PRESENT BE ON KICK OF MAKING FREQUENT EXTREMELY LAUDATORY STATEMENTS ABOUT COMMUNIST CHINESE, INCLUDING, SAD TO SAY, AGREEMENT WITH AND PRAISE FOR CHINESE STATEMENT AT BUCHAREST POPULATION CONFERENCE IN STEVENS' OWN 69TH BIRTHDAY MESSAGE TO COUNTRY. IN SHORT, RECENT GOSL ACTIONS AND STEVENS' STATEMENTS SEEM UNDULY AND UNFORTUNATELY RECEPTIVE TO VIEWS AND DESIRES OF ASIAN COMMUNIST STATES.

3. AS SHEER GUESS, I WOULD ESTIMATE SL FAILURE TO COSPONSOR TO DATE PROBABLY RESULT MERE OVERSIGHT IN VIEW SUBSTANTIAL LIST OTHER AFRICAN STATES WHO COSPONSORED LAST YEAR WHO ALREADY ON LIST THIS YEAR, ALL EXCEPT SL AND ZAIRE, AS STATED REF A. THIS MAY BE DUE INTERNAL PREOCCUPATION WITH FORTHCOMING TRIALS IN ALLEGED COUP EFFORT RESULTING IN JULY 30 BOMBING. I SEE NO EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT HOPE THAT GOSL LIKELY HAVE CHANGE OF HEART WHICH WOULD LEAD IT BE ONLY AFRICAN COSPONSOR TO CHANGE MIND, SPECIAL ZAIRE SITUATION ASIDE. WOULD APPRECIATE, HOWEVER, USUN NEW YORK'S EVALUATION OF PRESENT THINKING OF MEMBERS GOSL PERMANENT DELEGATION.

4. AS POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE, IT MIGHT ALSO BE PREFERABLE AND MORE EFFECTIVE IF ROK REPRESENTATIVES ACCREDITED HERE (RESIDENT ABIDJAN) MADE OWN APPROACH TO GOSL NOT TO COSPONSOR. STEVENS HAS RECENTLY SENT TWO MESSAGES OF SYMPATHY TO PRESIDENT PARK (ONE ON NEWS OF ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT AND SECOND ON MME. PARK'S DEATH) AND MIGHT BE MOVED TO SOME EXTENT BY PERSONAL SYMPATHY.
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